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SALE OF RATION IN OPEN MARKET
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of the ration items meant for armed forces personnel being sold in the open market have come to the notice;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of such cases during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether any investigation has been conducted by the Government into each of such cases;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken against the persons/agencies involved; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to check recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): During the period from 2006 to 2009,one case of pilferage of special rations meant for Army to certain civilians shops at Chumathang by personnel of a Unit in July, 2007 was reported. The matter was investigated by an Army Court of Inquiry which found three officers and twelve Persons Below Officer Ranks blameworthy in the incident. Disciplinary cum administrative action has been taken against the delinquents. The following steps have been taken to check recurrence of such incident:-

(i) Such incidents are investigated and strict punishment is given to defaulters.

(ii) Checks/monitoring by unit/formations Commanders and Intelligence Units are being carried out to detect and report such cases.

(iii) Periodic/Surprise Stock Taking Boards are being regularly conducted to detect pilferage of stores/surpluses.

(iv) Stores holders are selected carefully and are rotated frequently.

(v) Rations are stored in safe accommodation/store houses to prevent pilferage due to theft.